

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 38-44 are pending in the application. In the outstanding final Office Action mailed January 22, 2007, Claims 1-27 were allowed, 28 and 38-42 were rejected over cited art and Claims 43 and 44 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. In addition, the first paragraph of the specification was objected to as containing an incorrect patent number. By this Amendment, the specification has been corrected and the rejected claims cancelled. Finally, Claim 43 was amended to contain all of the limitations of base Claim 38 from which Claim 43 depended. With the amendment of Claim 43 to include all the limitations of Claim 38, Claim 43 is also now allowable. Claim 44 depends from Claim 43 and with the amendment to Claim 43, Claim 44 is also allowable. Thus, all of the claims remaining in the application are now allowable.

While Applicant traverses the rejection of Claims 28 and 38-42 and believes that additional claim coverage is warranted due to deficiencies in the teachings of the prior art, Applicant has cancelled those claims and elected to pursue those and additional claim coverage by way of a continuation application thereby expediting the issuance of a patent containing the allowed claims. While it is believed that the above amendments and remarks address all of the issues remaining in the application such that the application is now in condition for

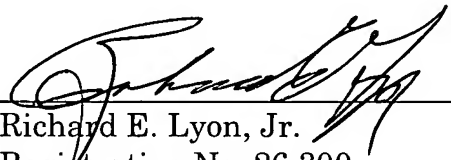
allowance, should any other issue remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (213) 896-2510 so as to expedite the completion of the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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